Book Banks for SCs/STs

1917. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Centrally-sponsored scheme for establishment of book banks for persons belonging to the Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe;

(b) the allocations made to various States under the scheme during the last three years; year-wise and State-Wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have so far not released their shares amounting to Rs. 61 lakhs to the Government of Karnataka for implementation of the scheme since 1998-99;

(d) if so, the reason for delay in releasing amount; and

(e) the likely date by when it will be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MAN EKA GANDHI): (a) The Scheme aims at providing books to deserving students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for Medical, Engineering, Agriculture, Veterinary, Polytechnics, Law, Charted Accountancy, MBA and Bio-Sciences course. The Scheme provides for assistance for one set of text books for two students in respect of graduate level courses and one set of books per student at Post-Graduate level and those pursuing Chartered Accountancy. A set of books costing from Rs. 2,400/-upto Rs. 7,500/ -per set, is provided under the scheme depending upon the courses. The provision for books also includes Braille books, talking books/ cessettes for visually handicapped student. Grant is also provided for purchase of almirahs for storing the books. Expenditure on the Scheme is shared on 50:50 basis by the Centre and the State Governments. The U.T. Administration, However, are provided 100% Central assistance.

(b) No State-wise allocations is made under the Scheme. Funds are released basing on proposals received from the States/U.T. Governments. Statement showing the assistance released to the State/ U.T. Government under the Scheme for the last three years, year wise and State-wise, is annexed *(see* below).

(c) and (e) The State Government of Karnataka had sent a proposal for Rs. 20.115 lakhs during 1998-99. As Rs. 74.97 lakhs was laying unspent with the State, no further releases were made. However, an amount of Rs. 57.50 lakhs has been released subsequently during 1999-2000.

Statement

Details of Central Assistance Released under the Scheme of Book Banks for SCs/STs Students.

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No	. State/U.T.	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1.	Andhra Pradesh	89.25	NIL	NIL
2.	Assam	NIL	NIL	NIL
3.	Bihar	5.53	NIL	9.1
4.	Gujarat	NIL	NIL	NIL
5.	Goa	0.19	NIL	0.15
6.	Himachal Pradesh	0.47	0.63	NIL
7.	Haryana	4.43	5.505	1.055
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	NIL	6.00	6.00
9.	Karnataka	16.06	52.44	NIL
10.	Kerala	11.73	11.96	NIL
11.	Maharashtra	NIL	NIL	NIL
12.	Madhya Pradesh	NIL	31.39	NIL
13.	Manipur	1.59	1.00	NIL
14.	Orissa	5.00	5.00	NIL
15.	Punjab	9.22	10.995	NIL
16.	Rajasthan	NIL	15.00	42.14
17.	Tripura	1.65	1.91	3.2945
18.	Uttar Pradesh	NIL	NIL	25.48
19.	Tamil Nadu	31.83	NIL	24.27
20.	West Bengal	NIL	NIL	NIL
21.	A&N Island	0.55	NIL	NIL
22.	Chandigarh	NIL	NIL	NIL
23.	Delhi	5.85	7.80	8.18
24.	Daman & Diu	NIL	0.07	NIL
25.	Pondicherry	NIL	NIL	NIL
26.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	NIL	NIL	0.73
	TOTAL:	183.35	149.70	120.4015